

# Enjoy Your Summer Garden!



## July 2016 Garden Planner

### PLANT:



• When planting in the heat of summer, it is very important to follow our *Planting Guides* carefully.

Pay special attention to the watering ring and deep watering instructions. Transplant at dusk or dawn.

• Water plants before transplanting them. The best way is to submerge the pot in a bucket of water until bubbles stop appearing.

• Do not rely on drippers alone for water the first summer. Hand water new plantings in summer even if you plan to water them by drip. In fall you can switch to drip irrigation with an occasional hand-watering in times of high heat. Be sure to place drippers at outer edge of roots, not at the trunk. Next spring you can go solely to drip.

• Some like it HOT! Try Verbenas, Lantanas, and Salvias for heat-loving perennial color all summer and well into fall. Water-wise annual color includes Portulaca, Zinnias, Salvias, and Vinca. Let them sizzle!

• Take the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge and plant for pollinators. Whether it's a window box or an entire plot, you can register it at [www.millionpollinatorgardens.org](http://www.millionpollinatorgardens.org). See our *Water-Wise Plants For Pollinators Guide* for more info.

• Plant succulents in containers indoors or outdoors and directly into the garden. Yamagami's offers a huge range of colors, shapes and sizes. Not only do these fascinating

plants use little water, they also convert more carbon dioxide to oxygen than most other plants!

• Create an oasis in your garden with a **simple water feature**. Even a reflecting pool, consisting of a low bowl with water, cools and refreshes your retreat. We have some bamboo water spouts to make any non-draining container into a fountain. Turn it into a **water garden** by adding a plant and fish.

• Create shade in the future by planting a **shade tree** now. We offer water-wise choices with well-behaved roots.



• Plant some **nasturtiums** in with your vegetables to help repel whitefly and cucumber beetles. Nasturtium leaves and flowers are also edible!

### FERTILIZE:

• Fertilizers will be more effective if you use **EZWet**, a soil penetrant, first. It opens up your soil so that both water and fertilizer travel down to the roots instead of running off.

• Feed your lawn with **G & B Natural and Organic Lawn Food** during hot weather. It maintains your lawn without increasing its mowing and watering needs.

• Keep your **summer color** in full bloom mode by regularly feeding with **Maxsea 16-16-16**. Try it as a foliar spray for quick results. Make sure plant's soil is moist before applying fertilizer.

• Feed your **vegetables** with **G & B**

**Tomato, Vegetable & Herb Food** so they can keep producing bountiful harvests. Tomatoes are especially heavy feeders.

• **Tropical and sub-tropical plants** should be fed with **G & B Palm, Tropical and Hibiscus Fertilizer**. This is their season!

• Get your **orchids** to bloom again next year with regular feeding. Cymbidiums need **GrowMore Orchid Food 30-10-10** until fall. Phalaenopsis (moth orchid) enjoy the 20-20-20 formulation year around.

• An application of **Espoma Soil Acidifier** will green up **Blueberries, Azaleas, Citrus and Gardenias**.

### PRUNE:

• Control your fruit tree size with **summer pruning**. Begin summer pruning at the same time you are thinning fruit. Your last summer pruning can be in summer or fall, just after the fruit is picked. Pick up a **FREE Backyard Orchard Culture Guide** (or view it on our website, [www.Yamagamis.com](http://www.Yamagamis.com)) for more info.

• If pruning exposes plants or parts of plants to sun that had previously been shaded, paint the trunks with **Frazee Tree Trunk Paint** to **protect them**

**from sunburn**. Sunburn is often followed by borers.

• **Deadhead** your flowering perennials and annuals to promote continued blooming.

• **Berries:** cut back your **canes** after harvesting the fruit. Cutting back the woody, spent canes and tying up



the new, flexible canes will assure you a good crop next year. On Ever-bearing Raspberries, cut out the upper half of the canes that bore fruit this year.

## PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE:

• **Minimize drought stress** and sunburn with a 2 to 3 inch layer of mulch around your



plants. Mulch helps Japanese Maple foliage from turning brown and crispy.

• **West Nile Virus**, and now, **Zika virus** are a threat, so watch for standing water that acts as a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Use **Mosquito Bits** (do not harm fish, pets, plants, or you) in your ponds or fountains for control. Diseased or not, mosquitoes are no fun to have around.

• **Powdery Mildew and other fungal problems** can be minimized by simple cultural practices.

- \* **Water deeply** and as infrequently as the plant will allow.
- \* **Avoid overhead watering**, especially of diseased plants.
- \* **Good air circulation** is very important. Thin out overgrown plants to improve air circulation.
- \* Use **G & B Fertilizers** to promote sturdy, steady growth, instead of the lush, soft, susceptible growth produced by chemical fertilizers.

• Fight fungal diseases the natural way. OMRI approved, all-organic **Serenade Garden Disease Control** successfully controls most fungal problems. It is a biological control which uses a bacteria to thwart different fungi. Remove infected leaves before applying. Repeat

spraying until new growth comes in clean.

- Protect your fruit-laden limbs with a **Prop-a-Crop**. This adjustable support for your fruit trees is easy to use, lightweight, and reusable.
- Clean up **fallen fruit** and discard it in the trash to prevent diseases and pests from moving from the fallen fruit to your garden soil.
- **Prevent weed seeds** from sprouting in your newly planted areas with an application of **Preen**. Apply it in existing beds after they have been weeded so they will stay clean! Repeat application every 90 days.

## GARDEN MAINTENANCE:

- **Soaker hoses** are a great way to deep water trees and established shrubs. Lay them under the "drip line" so that water gets to the important roots. Not sure what we mean? Come in and let us show you!
- **Mulch** will help conserve soil moisture and keep roots cool so they can function better. 2" to 3" of mulch can save as much as 30 gallons of water a day! **G & B Soil Building Conditioner** contains beneficial soil microbes and is an excellent mulch.



• **Harvest your peaches, plums, and pluots** when they have reached full size, the right color and come off the tree with just a slight twist. No pulling should be necessary. When you squeeze them gently, they should give slightly. Picked too early they will ripen and get juicier but they will not be sweet or flavorful.

• **Earwigs** can damage flowers and fruit. Find them hiding in cracks of fruit or look for ragged edges on petals. Bait for them regularly with

**Sluggo Plus**. It is OMRI approved and controls snails, slugs, earwigs, sowbugs, and cutworms.

## COMING EVENTS:



**Friday, July 1 through Monday, July 4th Summer Celebration Sale- 30% to 50% OFF outdoor plants 1 gal size and up!**

• **Monday, July 4th Store hours are 9 AM to 2 PM.** We wish you all a safe and fun-filled Fourth!



• **Saturday, August 6th Bearded Iris Rhizome Sale 10 AM to 2 PM.** Sale to benefit the Clara B. Rees Iris Society. Members are selling divisions from their own collections. Get great prices on some great Iris varieties!

• **Thursday, August 18th 6 PM to 8 PM Moonlight Madness Sale For Our 68th Anniversary!** Spin our Wheel of Good Fortune for 20% to 68% savings on your entire purchase!

